

BORO SLOPE OFF WITH A REPLAY

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FAILING throughout to stamp any authority on the proceedings, unable to put their game together and on the receiving end of some fierce pressure, Boro could feel quite satisfied with their goalless draw today.

The opposition in this FA Cup third round tie was only an Isthmian League side, but it was the part-timers



who looked the more likely to win as they pushed forward with tremendous zest throughout.

Boro were undoubtedly rattled by the tremendously sloping pitch, and were bogged down in some heavy going.

At the same time we had expected something vastly superior to this disappointing performance from a team at the top of Division I.

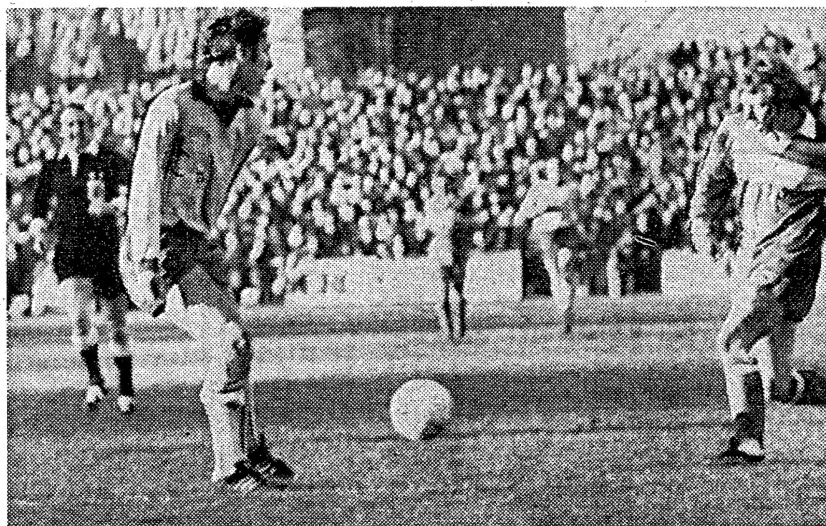
Chants of "Easy, easy," were followed by derisive catcalls of "What a load of rubbish" by a home crowd jubilant at the discomfiture of such exalted opposition.

At least the defence did not concede a goal, and so Boro get the chance to finish off the job in front of their own supporters at Ayresome Park next Tuesday night.

This, I am convinced, they will do — but only if they settle into something like their normal rhythm and play as we know they can.

This was the biggest day in Wycombe's history, but surely it must now be the end of the road for the gallant lads from Buckinghamshire.

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DAVID MILLS, Boro centre-forward, crosses the ball despite a challenge from a Wycombe player.